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1. A search of all portions of the Sino-Soviet Border covered on [redacted] was accomplished in accordance with the prescribed procedure of analysing each new mission in an attempt to determine possible changes in the type or level of military activity occurring within a 150 nm radius of the border.

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[redacted] provided coverage of portions of the Sino-Soviet Border area from Druzhba to Primorskiy Kray. Significant changes or items of interest were noted within the following WAC areas;

WAC 202

SHERLOVAYA GOYA ARMY BARRACKS (50 31N-116 23E)

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[redacted] reveals continued activity at the training areas immediately east of Sherlovaya Goya. Other changes at the installation include a large vehicle park on the SE edge of the barracks installation (containing approximately 100 unidentified vehicles on [redacted] and several new buildings (including three probable barracks still under construction). Comparative analysis of [redacted] coverage since [redacted] indicates that the activity increase occurred primarily between [redacted]

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DAURIYA ARMY BARRACKS (49 56N-116 51E)

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[redacted] reveal increased activity at the Dauriya Army Barracks installation. Construction of a new tank/assault gun firing range with five moving target runs and a probable APC firing range was started between [redacted] approximately 2 km east of town in an old training area. Construction continues on these ranges. An active wheeled vehicle driver training area was constructed between [redacted] Positive identification of a sod airstrip immediately west of town is made from [redacted] Photography [redacted] shows the presence of approximately 35 possible tanks, and 80 unidentified vehicles within the barracks area.

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BEZRECHNAYA ARMY BARRACKS (50 43N-116 10E)

This installation shows a high degree of activity both in the barracks areas and on the firing ranges. The firing range facilities appear to be improving gradually with the addition of new moving and stationary targets.

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WAC 203

BELOGORSK HQ 98TH AB GDS RIFLE DIV. (50 54N-128 28E)

Mission [] shows a high degree of activity at the military firing range west of Belogorsk. This mission also reveals stronger evidence that an Airborn Unit is stationed at Belogorsk. A probable aircraft mock-up is visible in a probable training area immediately north of the Belogorsk Airfield. Other transport type aircraft are also visible in two additional barracks areas within the Belogorsk complex. Activity appears at a high degree in all military areas.

BIROBIDZHAN ARMY BARRACKS (48 47N-132 58E)

This installation is active and contains 17 probable tanks, at least 39 cargo trucks, 7 utility trucks, and 35 unidentified vehicles.

Khabarovsk Ordnance Depot Rechka 154 (48 21N-135 02E)

This installation has not changed significantly in physical form since the previous mission; however, Mission [] revealed and made possible the identification of significant amounts of military equipment. Other known Khabarovsk military installations appear active but no significant changes were observed.

WAC 244

Druzhba Military Barracks (45 15N-82 27E)

Activity at the Druzhba military installation continues at a high level. Mission [] shows 16 probable tanks/assault guns and 170 assorted trucks and APC's parked within the vehicle park west of the barracks area. There are also 97 rail cars standing on rail sidings within the installation.

All firing ranges appear very active on Mission [] and a continued improvement of the range facilities is noted. The tank/assault gun range immediately west of the installation appears to be in a state of expansion. A probable APC is visible on one of the range circuits.

There is still no evidence of rail road construction beyond the border into China. This mission does reveal for the first time the presence of at least two observation towers near the border south of the Druzhba installation.

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WAC 283

TANG YUAN BARRACKS-CHINA (46 45N-129 55E)

This installation was previously reported as a probable commune. It now appears to be associated with military activity. An active flat trajectory/sub-caliber firing range and approximately 12 pieces of unidentified equipment were observed on Mission [REDACTED]

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WAC 290

KRASKINO ARMY BARRACKS WEST (42 42N-130 47E)

This installation appears active and contains approximately 50 unidentified vehicles/pieces of equipment. A small previously unreported training area is located 7 km west of the main area at 42 42N-130 42E. The training area contains 2 figure "8" driver training circuits and a probable infantry training area.

WAC 291

SLAVYANKA MILITARY AREAS (42 51N-131 23E)

A previously unreported military area is located in the NE corner of Slavyanka, and three previously unreported static tank/assault gun/APC firing ranges (flat trajectory) are located 12 km NW of Slavyanka. These ranges were under construction in [REDACTED] however, they were not recognizable as flat trajectory ranges at that time.

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

WAC 201

STARAYA KUKA EXPLOSIVE STORAGE (51 44N-113 01E)

A continuing analysis of photography from Mission [REDACTED] reveals that the Staraya Kuka Explosive Storage Area is probably a large military storage depot. Mission [REDACTED] shows the presence of approximately 35 probable heavy field guns, 19 probable mortars, 35 light field guns, 40 canvas covered probable SP guns and approximately 100 unidentified additional vehicles.

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